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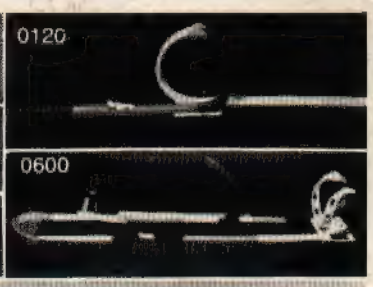

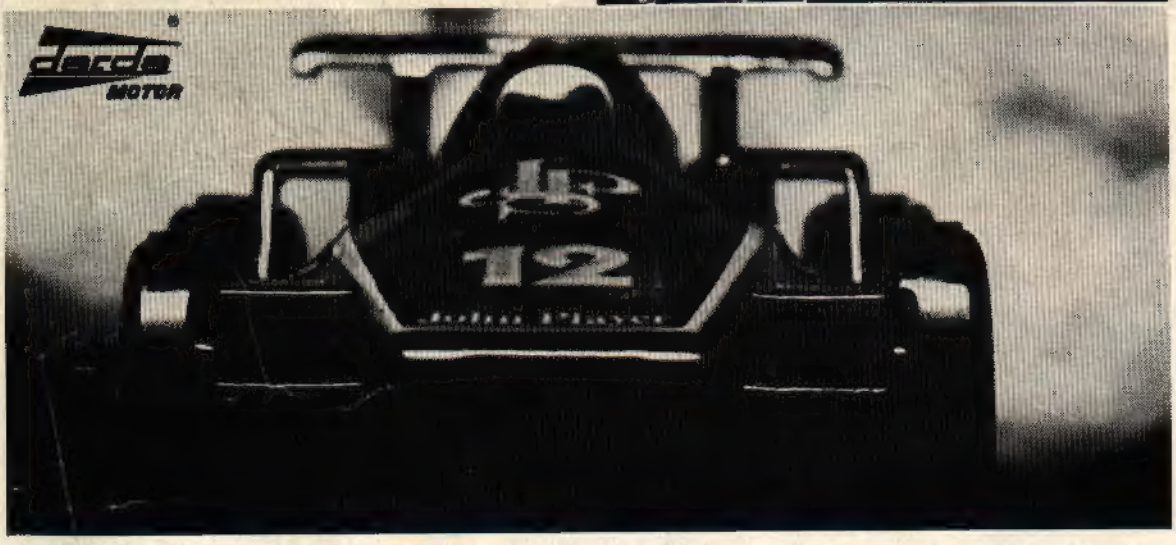

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IT IS A WARM SUMMER NIGHT IN FAIRFAX, WARM EXCEPT FOR A SMALL PATCH OF SKY OVER THE SCIENCE MUSEUM WHERE TEMPERATURES PLUNGE TO A BITTER 28 DEGREES...
MOVE IT, CHONDAK! WE HAVE TO GRAB WHAT WE'VE COME FOR--AND SPLIT!
GRRAARR!
CHONDAK WAS CREATED BY NELSON JIMENEZ, AGE 18. UNIVERSITY OF CONN.
BUT...
WHAT'S THE RUSH, FELLA? YOU HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO WASTE...
...BECAUSE YOU'LL BE SPENDING THE NEXT TWENTY OR SO YEARS BEHIND BARS!
TWO HEROES?!
I WAS WARNED ABOUT YOU TWO... PREPARED FOR YOUR BLASTED INTERFERENCE.
BUT I TELL YOU NOW--THE ICE KING CANNOT BE STOPPED.
ICE KING WAS CREATED BY MARSHALL FERGUSON, AGE 19. BALTIMORE, MD.
DOWN! DON'T LET HIS ICE BEAM HIT YOU!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, PAL--
--JUST YOU WATCH OUT FOR THAT BIG APE PARTNER OF HIS!
AGGGH! HE'S CRUSHING ME...
...BUT--I... THINK I CAN STILL GET FREE...
UP HERE IN THE AIR, I'M THE ONE IN CHARGE...
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN I'M FREE TO MOVE!
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SUDDENLY...
AGGHHH! THAT AWFUL SOUND... IT'S DEAFENING ME! STOP IT! STOP IT!!
NO WAY, ICE KING -- MY ULTRA-SONIC WAIL IS JUST BEGINNING...
...AND I'M NOT STOPPING UNTIL YOU SURRENDER TO -- THE HUMMINGBIRD!
SURRENDER? NEVER! NOT WHILE I CAN STILL WIELD MY TERRIBLE POWER!
NOT WHILE I CAN STILL SPEAR YOU WITH MY DEADLY ICICLES!
THE HUMMINGBIRD WAS CREATED BY STEPHEN MOORE, AGE 20, CASA GRANDE, AZ.
YOUR ICE SPEARS JUST SHATTER AGAINST MY HIGH-FREQUENCY VIBRATIONS... THEY ARE AS USELESS AS YOU ARE!
I'VE DONE MY JOB... HOW'S CHRIS DOING?
HE COULDN'T HOLD ON ANY LONGER... PLUNGING DOWN TOWARD THE ROOF!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, KING KONG -- YOU'RE NOT GONNA SHATTER ALL OVER THE SIDEWALK!
NOT WHILE GRAVITY BOY IS HERE!
GRAVITY BOY WAS CREATED BY JEFFREY ODENHELLER, AGE 15, BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI.
I HAVE THE POWER TO INCREASE OR NULLIFY GRAVITY--
--SO, INSTEAD OF CRASHING TO THE GROUND, YOU'LL LAND LIGHTER THAN BARYSHNIKOV IN "THE NUTCRACKER"!
BRAVO! BRAVO! ENCORE!
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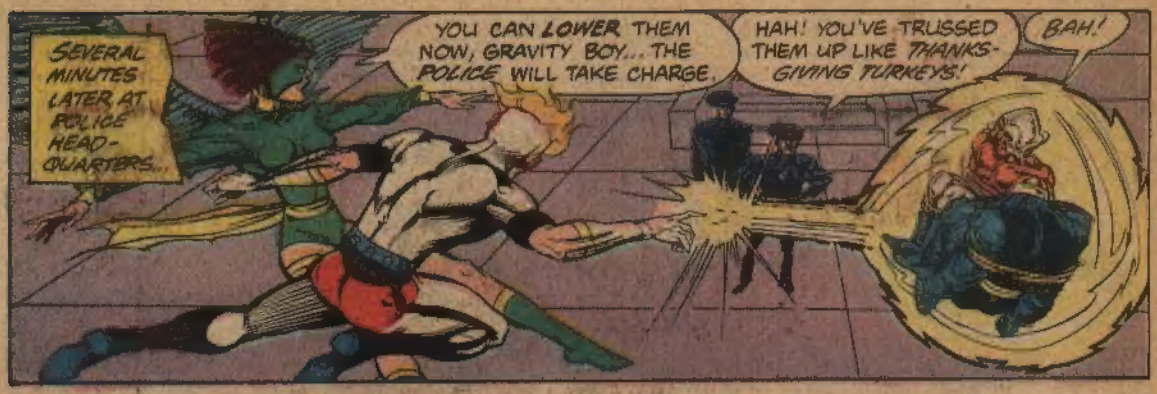
SEVERAL MINUTES LATER AT POLICE HEAD-QUARTERS...
YOU CAN LOWER THEM NOW, GRAVITY BOY... THE POLICE WILL TAKE CHARGE.
HAH! YOU'VE TRUSSED THEM UP LIKE THANKS-GIVING TURKEYS!
BAH!

ELSEWHERE IN FAIRFAX, LOCATION UNKNOWN...
BLAST THEM BOTH...THIS IS THE SECOND TIME IN AS MANY WEEKS THAT THOSE TWO CRETINS HAVE INTERFERED WITH THE MASTER'S PLANS! *
* SEE ADVENTURE COMICS #490. --LEN.

THEY MAY CHANGE THEIR FORMS --THEIR POWERS-- BUT THESE SAME TWO PEOPLE ARE ALSO ALL THESE OTHER HEROES WHO HAVE BEEN APPEARING IN FAIRFAX THESE PAST WEEKS.

I KNOW THEY ARE THE SAME, FOR I KNOW THEIR SECRET-- THEY POSSESS THE MYSTIC POWER-DIALS!
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ABOUT TIME YOU CREEPS SHOWED UP.
KNOCK IT OFF, ICE KING... WE'RE HERE, AIN'T WE? STAND BACK WHILE I FREE YA.
HURRY UP, PILEDRIVER, MY LASERS WON'T KEEP THESE COPS BACK MUCH LONGER.
SSSZZZZZZ

AND, SECONDS LATER...
THEY'RE GETTING AWAY!
AND WE COULDN'T DO A THING TO STOP THEM!

WHILE THE EVIL EIGHT MAKE GOOD THEIR ESCAPE, LET'S LOOK IN ON ANOTHER EVIL GROUP...
YOU WANTED TO JOIN US, NOW YER CHICKENIN' OUT. BUT NOBODY GETS OUT OF THE VIPERS-- LEAST WAYS NOT ALIVE!
SO EITHER YOU'RE BRADFORD MANN, GANG MEMBER-- OR BRADFORD MANN-- DECEASED!

I WAS A FOOL TO RUN AWAY JUST BECAUSE MY PARENTS WERE GETTING A DIVORCE.. A FOOL FOR THINKING I BELONGED WITH THIS GANG.
AND I'M ABOUT TO BE A BIGGER FOOL... BECAUSE, TO SAVE MY STUPID LIFE, I CAN'T DO ANYTHING BUT--

--ACCEPT! I ACCEPT!
HEY, RICK, HE'S ONE OF US NOW!
HE'S A VIPER!

NOT YET HE AIN'T... NOT UNTIL HE PULLS A JOB-- [illegible] WE'RE GONNA BUST OPEN THE SCIENCE MUSEUM.
HE COMES THROUGH-- THEN HE'S A VIPER... BUT ONLY THEN.
RICK STRONG SMILES A CRUEL SMILE...
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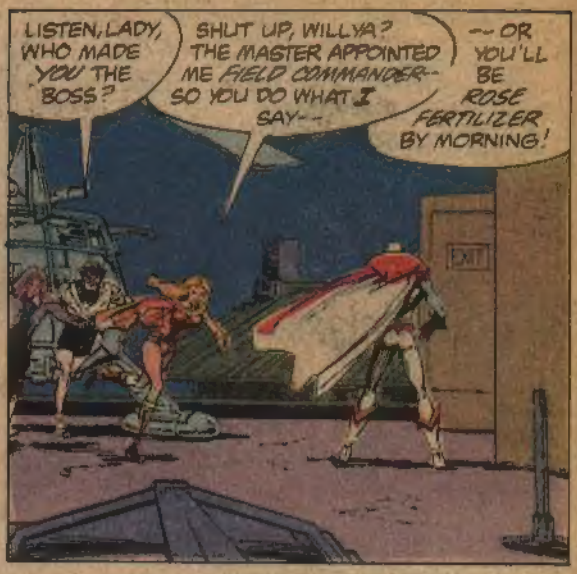
...AS WE SKIP ALONG SEVERAL HOURS. IT IS NOW NIGHT..
TWO OF YOU FAILED TO STEAL THE ION MACHINE... BUT NOW ALL EIGHT OF US ARE HERE.
AND THIS TIME WE WILL GET WHAT WE WANT!


LISTEN, LADY, WHO MADE YOU THE BOSS?
SHUT UP, WILLYA? THE MASTER APPOINTED ME FIELD COMMANDER-- SO YOU DO WHAT I SAY--
--OR YOU'LL BE ROSE FERTILIZER BY MORNING!
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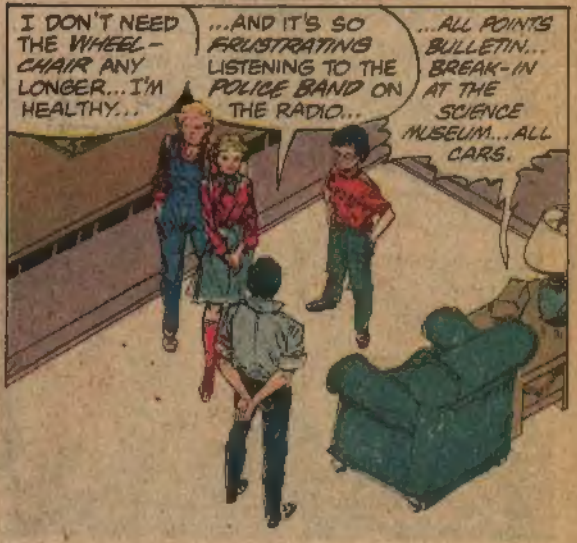
I DON'T NEED THE WHEEL-CHAIR ANY LONGER... I'M HEALTHY...
...AND IT'S SO FRUSTRATING LISTENING TO THE POLICE BAND ON THE RADIO...
...ALL POINTS BULLETIN... BREAK-IN AT THE SCIENCE MUSEUM... ALL CARS.

ANOTHER BREAK-IN? IT CAN'T BE COINCIDENCE!
MR. KING, I DO HOPE YOU'RE FEELING BETTER. BUT I HAVE TO GO NOW. CAN CHRIS WALK ME HOME?
CAN I, DAD? WE DID ALL OUR HOMEWORK!

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OUTSIDE, SECONDS LATER...
GOOD MOVE, VICKI... WE DON'T HAVE ANY TIME TO WASTE.
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT!.. OUR POWER PERSONAS ARE NEEDED AT THE MUSEUM!
VICKI GRANT'S FINGER FLIES OVER HER POWER-DIAL--
--SPELLING OUT THE MYSTIC LETTERS H-E-R-O. AND A COSMIC INSTANT LATER...
CHRIS, I'VE CHANGED AGAIN... AND I SENSE THAT I HAVE TOTAL COMMAND OVER THE WATER.
I-I'VE BECOME HYDRA... GODDESS OF THE SEA!
HYDRA WAS CREATED BY ALICIA SHING, AGE 14 SHREWSBURY, MA.
AND, FORMING WITHIN ANOTHER COSMIC THUNDER-CLAP...
--AND I CAN PROJECT ANY FORCE. FROM THE IMPACT OF A STICK OF ORDINARY DYNAMITE TO THE POWER OF A HYDROGEN BOMB!
I'VE BEEN TURNED INTO-- BLAST BOY!
BLAST BOY WAS CREATED BY GILBERT FEIN, AGE 15. H.A.F.B. FLA
SO, WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR? LET'S GO!
MAN, EVEN AFTER ALL THESE CHANGES, THIS IS STILL AN INCREDIBLE RUSH!
BECOMING A NEW SUPER-HERO EVERY TIME OUT IS THE GREATEST THING THAT'S EVER HAPPENED TO ME.
MEANWHILE...
...TAKES CARE OF THAT CREEP. IT SHOULD BE CLEAR SAILING FROM HERE ON.
MAN, THEY DON'T CARE IF THEY HURT PEOPLE.. DON'T CARE ABOUT ANYTHING OTHER THAN THEMSELVES!
AND, IN THE BASEMENT OF THAT SELFSAME MUSEUM...
MY BUDDY HERE'S BETTER TO HAVE AROUND THAN KEYS!
BETTER, BUT NOISIER.
THERE IT IS, RIGHT INSIDE--THE ION CANNON THE MASTER WANTS. IT'S OURS
SORRY, BUT IT'S JUST NOT FOR SALE!
BESIDES, DIDN'T YOU KNOW-- THE MUSEUM'S CLOSED!
THEY OBVIOUSLY CAN'T READ... SO LET'S SHOW 'EM THE WAY OUT!
KRRRUM
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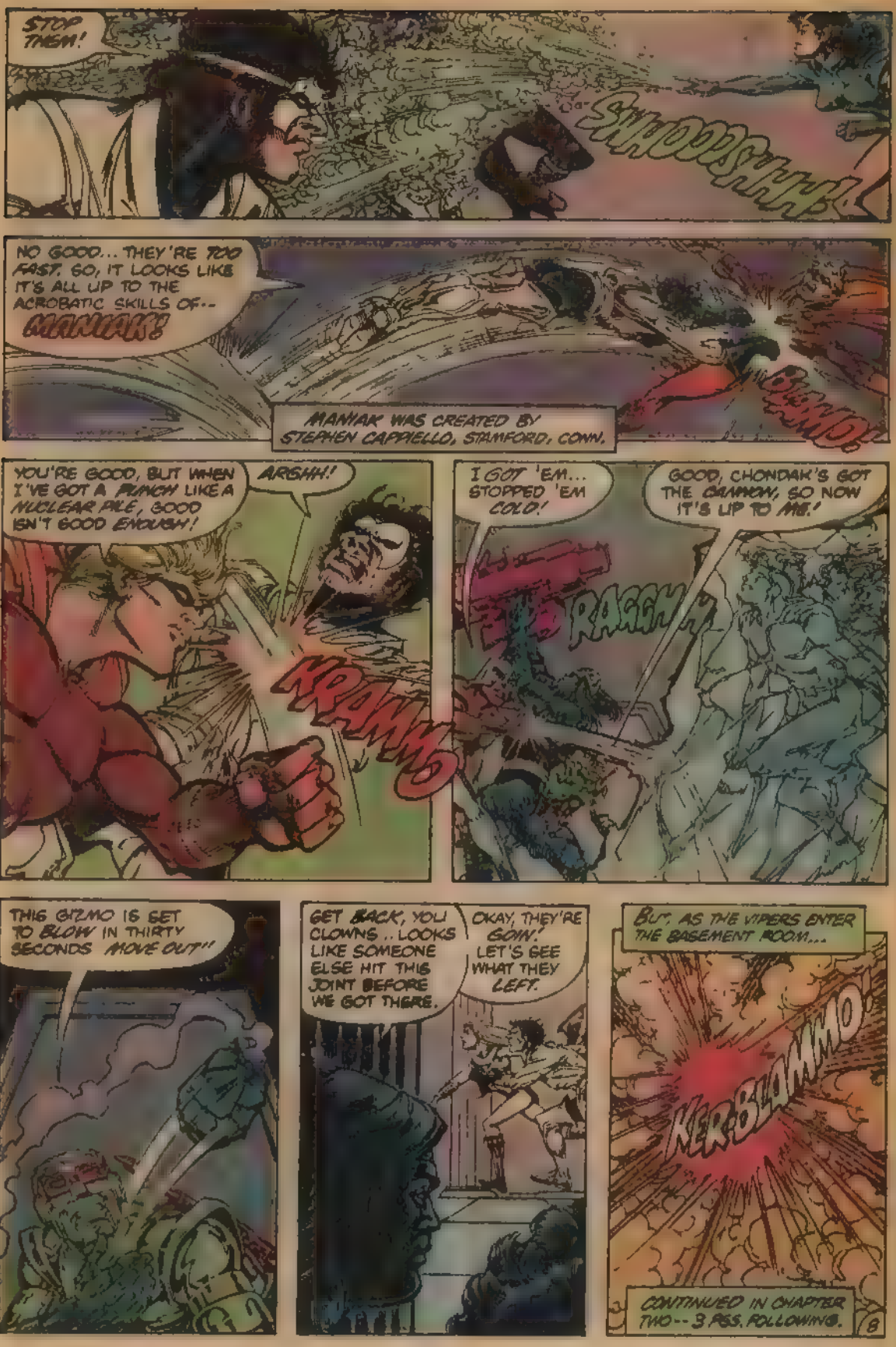
STOP THEM!
SWOOSHH!
NO GOOD... THEY'RE TOO FAST. SO, IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S ALL UP TO THE ACROBATIC SKILLS OF--
MANIAK!
BAMM!
MANIAK WAS CREATED BY STEPHEN CAPPIELLO, STAMFORD, CONN.
YOU'RE GOOD, BUT WHEN I'VE GOT A PUNCH LIKE A NUCLEAR PILE, GOOD ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH!
ARGHH!
KRAMMO
I GOT 'EM... STOPPED 'EM COLD!
GOOD, CHONDAK'S GOT THE CRANIUM, SO NOW IT'S UP TO ME!
RAGH
THIS GIZMO IS SET TO BLOW IN THIRTY SECONDS MOVE OUT!"
GET BACK, YOU CLOWNS.. LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE ELSE HIT THIS JOINT BEFORE WE GOT THERE.
OKAY, THEY'RE GOIN'. LET'S GEE WHAT THEY LEFT.
BUT, AS THE VIPERS ENTER THE BASEMENT ROOM...
KER-BLAMMO
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I'LL HAVE A BAT'S-EYE VIEW" FROM UP HERE!
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IT'S A SNAP, SUGAR! THEY'LL BE SO DAZZLED BY OUR DANCING, THEY'LL NEVER NOTICE OUR NIMBLE FINGERS REMOVING THEIR VALUABLES!
IT'S SHOWTIME, LADIES! LET'S MAKE THIS A MILLION DOLLAR DEBUT!
LOOKS LIKE IT'S UP TO ME TO MAKE THIS CLOSING NIGHT FOR THOSE FAKE BIRDS!
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Dear Editor:

I don't know if we'll ever see the letters page again in *ADVENTURE*, but I'm writing about #480 anyway.

After reading "The Riddle of the Sphinx", I think Marv Wolfman may have been a little too hasty packing the *Sphinx* off to Osiris. His costume, powers and purpose made him one of the most appealing super-villains ever to beguile a super-hero. Reader David Wile did himself proud with the *Sphinx* and scored respectably with the *Battering Ram*. Don't stymie his creativity by making those two one-shots. The *Sphinx* is tailor-made for the *Justice League* and *Battering Ram* has "*Flesh* written all over him.

JEFFREY LOWNDES
809 Sunset Avenue
Scranton, PA 18509

Sorry, Jeff, but as we've said before, the heroes and villains who appear in these pages are destined to be one-shot characters. And while those two of David Wile's creations may never be seen again, that shouldn't stop him from dreaming up more characters for our consideration!—TPS

Dear Editor:

Even though a few passages in this missive may sound negative, let me say that I think the "reader-participation" idea is neat. However, you have to get some bugs out of it. I thought Dialing "H" for Hero was enough, but you've also got us Dialing "V" for Villains, "F" for Furniture, "C" for Clothing, "W" for Weapons, "G" for Gizmos. With all this dialing, I'm afraid it'll devolve into Dial "J" for Joke! I think Marv Wolfman is usually a good writer, but here he's almost asked not to use his imagination!

My biggest gripe about the series is that the stories are too short and that there is not enough characterization. Eight pages are not enough for some neat action and good secret identity sequences. I'd suggest you do a 24-pager, but you'd probably say that you couldn't use as many characters that way and give away as many T-shirts. So let's compromise: two 12-pagers, one with Chris and the other with Vicki (or both with both). Then we could have some challenging fights and more of the supporting cast than Frannie's fat fem-ism, Glinda's fad fetish-ism, Brad's macho menace and the basic uncolorfulness of the Dialers' parents and Roger.

I'll have to say this about the Dialers, though! They're the first heroes in a long time who do it because "It's fun and we like it!" All the big guns do it out of guilt or responsibility. Anyway, do they know that they may come home from a case in a case? Chris should realize it since death on the job is a big fear among policemen. It might be interesting to see how the heroes cope with an "It could have been me" situation when a villain shoots, misses, and hits an innocent bystander.

FRANK TITONE
Address Withheld

Marv will be experimenting with story-lengths a bit more in the future, trying to balance the action with the characterization, and using however many pages each tale needs to achieve the proper results.—Ted P. Skimmer

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MAN, WHAT HIT US?
SOME KINDA EXPLOSION! FELT LIKE THE SKY WAS FALLIN' IN.

LIKE TO DESIGN SUPER-HEROES? VILLAINS? CLOTHING? FURNITURE? WEAPONS? OR VEHICLES? YOU CAN WHEN YOU "DIAL H" FOR HERO"!

SUDDENLY..
JUST MADE IT! COULDN'T HAVE LASTED MUCH LONGER! GASP!
THAT ICE...IT WAS SO COLD.. SO VERY COLD! BRRRR!
WAIT A SECOND! WHO ARE YOU TWO? WHAT HAPPENED HERE?
DON'T WORRY-- WE'RE ON YOUR SIDE! AND WE'LL WRITE A REPORT FOR YOU LATER.
SORRY WE CAN'T HANG AROUND. BUT WE'LL SEE YOU AGAIN... ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.
MEANWHILE...
BLAST THEM BOTH! THEY SURVIVED OUR ATTACK AGAIN!
BUT, MASTER, YOU NOW HAVE THE ION CANNON... THAT WAS YOUR PRIMARY CONCERN.
YES. THAT IS TRUE... I NOW HAVE THE LAST ELEMENT NEEDED FOR ME TO CONTROL THIS CITY-- AND ULTIMATELY.. THIS WORLD!
DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU NEEDED ALL EIGHT OF US FOR! THIS JERK DIDN'T DO A THING. JUST STOOD THERE WATCHIN' US DO THE REAL WORK.
STANDIN' AND GRINNIN' THAT GHOULISH GRIN OF-- HUNH?
MY PUNCH! IT WENT RIGHT THROUGH HIM.
THIS IS CORRECT, MORTAL. YOU CANNOT HARM ME, THOUGH THE GHOSTS I CAN CONJURE WILL SURELY SLAY YOU!
YAGGHH! GET THEM AWAY FROM ME!
PHANTASM, THAT IS ENOUGH!
I WAS MERELY DEMONSTRATING MY MYSTIC POWERS... TO CONJURE UP GHOSTLY SHAPES AT WILL!
PHANTASM was created by SIXTO INSUEL, AGE 18. LAREDO, TX.
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I SUMMONED YOU-- CREATED THIS EVIL EIGHT --TO ACT AS MY VANGUARD FORCE IN TAKING CONTROL OF THIS PLANET.
AND NOW-- I STAND AT THE VERY THRESHOLD OF REALIZING MY AGES-LONG DREAM.
TAKE THESE NOW COUPLINGS.. PLANT THEM AT THE LOCATIONS I HAVE GIVEN YOU.
THEN BY TOMORROW-- THIS CITY WILL BE MINE.
THUS, UNDER THE DARKNESS OF A CLOUDY NIGHT, THE DEED IS DONE--
--UNTIL AT LAST, ALL THE DEVICES ARE BURIED, HIDDEN FROM VIEW...
WHILE THIS GRIM SCENE ENDS, ELSEWHERE...
MANN'S FINALLY AWAKE.. SO NOW WHAT DO WE DO WITH HIM? HE AIN'T A VAMPIRE... NEVER WILL BE ONE
HMM. LOCK HIM UP IN THIS BACK ROOM AND LET'S VOTE.. OUTSIDE.
AND AS THE OTHERS LEAVE...
THEY'LL KILL ME, I KNOW IT. I CAN'T STAY HERE..
GOTTA GET AWAY BEFORE THEY COME BACK. ONLY ONE HOPE. VICKI... SHE DOESN'T LIVE FAR FROM HERE.
OH, NO.. THEY SEE ME.. THEY'LL BE RIGHT ON MY TAIL.
BOY, I HOPE VICKI'S HOME. PLEASE LET HER BE HOME.. PLEASE!!
LOOK! THERE HE IS-- RUNNIN' OFF. STOP HIM!
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AT 444 LIBERTY BLVD. .
YOU SURE YOU'RE OKAY, VICKI? I CAN STAY TILL YOUR FOLKS GET HOME
I'M OKAY, CHRIS. REALLY. YOU GET SOME SLEEP.
SURE... SEE YOU TOMORROW.
AND, AS CHRIS KING ROUNDS THE CORNER...
I REALLY LIKE CHRIS. HE CARES SO MUCH THAT-- EH?
WHAT? BRAD? BRAD?!? WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
V. .VICKI. D-DON'T GO AWAY... I. . I NEED... HELP
. HELP . GANG AFTER ME. . HURT ME.. UHHHH
HE'S UNCONSCIOUS. . BUT WHAT DID HE-- OHHH?
THOSE TOUGH-LOOKING KIDS. . THEY MUST HAVE DONE THIS TO HIM.
SO YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD RUN OFF, DID YOU, BRAD? WELL, PUNK IT'S TIME TO PAY!
NO, MY STUPID FRIEND . . IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO PAY FOR HURTING THIS PERSON.
WHUH? WHO SAID THAT?
YOU'RE TOUGH WHEN TAKING ON SOMEONE WEAKER THAN YOU.
NOW LET'S SEE HOW BIG YOU ARE WHEN YOU TAKE ON HYPTELLA, MISTRESS OF HYPNOTISM!
HYPTELLA WAS CREATED BY CHRYSTOPHER KRASKA, AGE 13. NO ADDRESS GIVEN.
YOU ARE THE LEADER OF THIS CHILDISH GANG... YOU THINK OF YOURSELF AS SOMEONE BRAVE... POWERFUL, BUT YOU ARE NOT.
WHAT YOU ARE-- IS A JACKASS!
SO, ACT-- JUST LIKE THE JACKASS YOU ARE.
HEEHAW HEEHAW HEEHAW
HOLY CROW! WHAT'S SHE DOIN' TO RICK?
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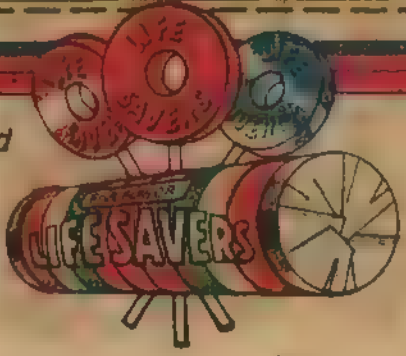

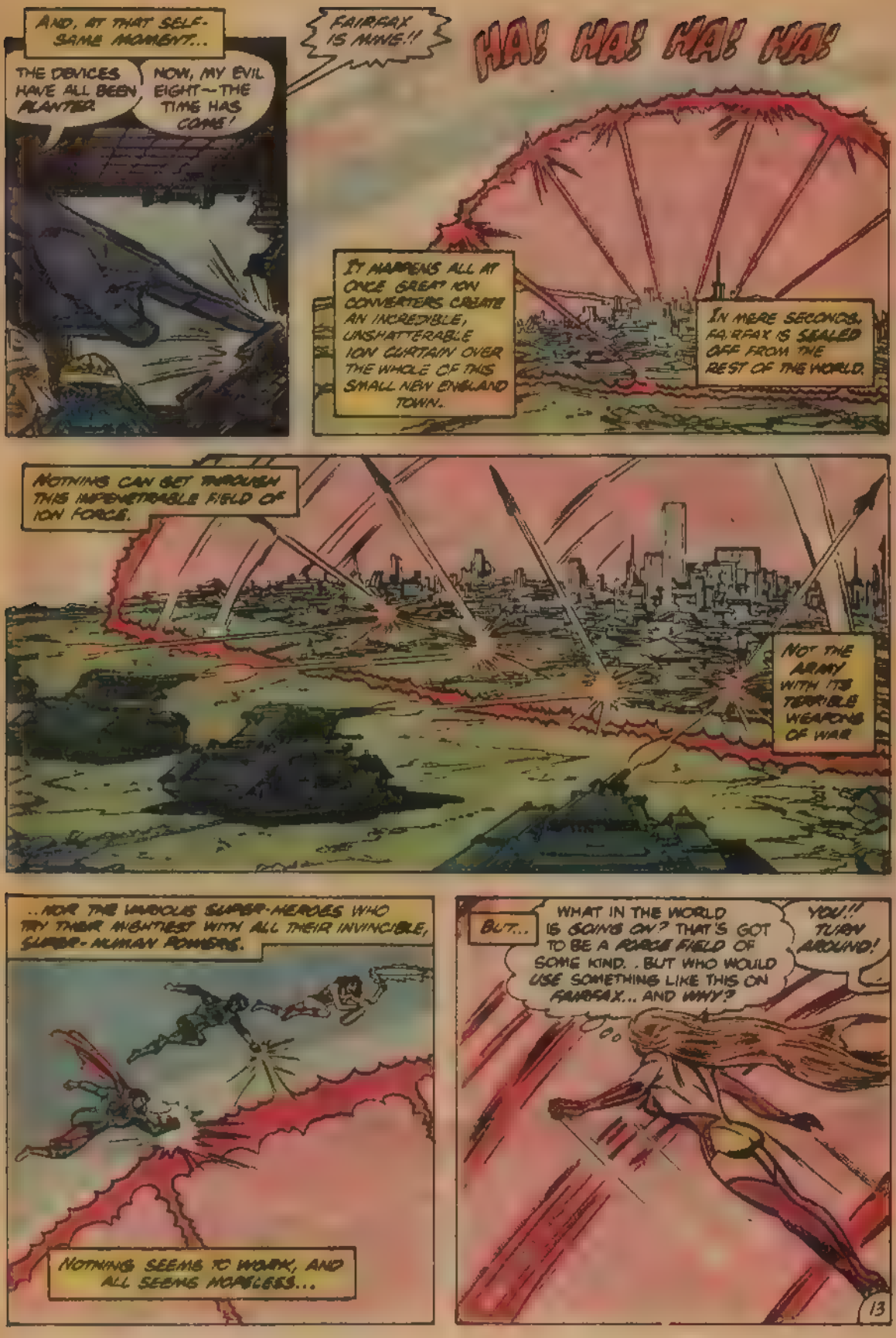
AND, AT THAT SELF-SAME MOMENT...
THE DEVICES HAVE ALL BEEN PLANTED.
NOW, MY EVIL EIGHT—THE TIME HAS COME!
FAIRFAX IS MINE!!
HA! HA! HA! HA!
IT HAPPENS ALL AT ONCE! GREAT ION CONVERTERS CREATE AN INCREDIBLE, UNSHATTERABLE ION CURTAIN OVER THE WHOLE OF THIS SMALL NEW ENGLAND TOWN.
IN MERE SECONDS, FAIRFAX IS SEALED OFF FROM THE REST OF THE WORLD.
NOTHING CAN GET THROUGH THIS IMPENETRABLE FIELD OF ION FORCE.
NOT THE ARMY WITH ITS TERRIBLE WEAPONS OF WAR
..NOR THE VAUNTED SUPER-HEROES WHO TRY THEIR MIGHTIEST WITH ALL THEIR INVINCIBLE, SUPER-HUMAN POWERS.
NOTHING SEEMS TO WORK, AND ALL SEEMS HOPELESS...
BUT...
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON? THAT'S GOT TO BE A FORCE FIELD OF SOME KIND. . BUT WHO WOULD USE SOMETHING LIKE THIS ON FAIRFAX... AND WHY?
YOU!! TURN AROUND!
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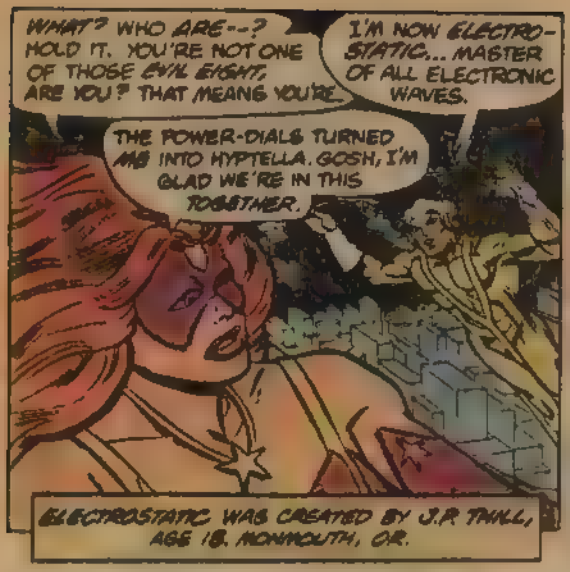
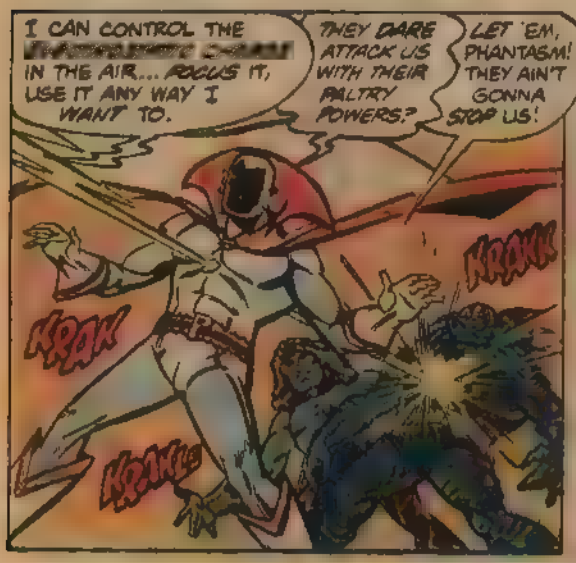
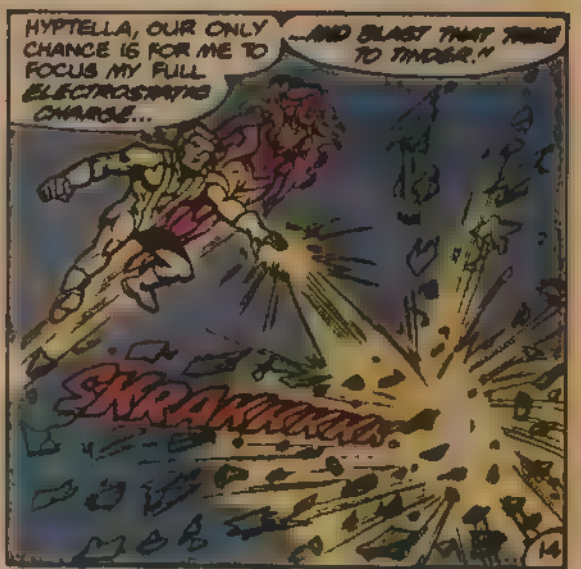

WHAT? WHO ARE--? HOLD IT. YOU'RE NOT ONE OF THOSE EVIL EIGHT, ARE YOU? THAT MEANS YOU'RE...
I'M NOW ELECTRO-STATIC... MASTER OF ALL ELECTRONIC WAVES.
THE POWER-DIALS TURNED ME INTO HYPTELLA. GOSH, I'M GLAD WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER.
ELECTROSTATIC WAS CREATED BY J.P. TAYLL, AGE 18. MONMOUTH, OR.

IN THIS AGAINST THEM, I'D BET.
BUT SOMETHING TELLS ME I'VE GOT THE PERFECT POWER TO USE AGAINST THOSE SUPER-VILLAIN REJECTS!


I CAN CONTROL THE [illegible] IN THE AIR... FOCUS IT, USE IT ANY WAY I WANT TO.
THEY DARE ATTACK US WITH THEIR PALTRY POWERS?
LET 'EM, PHANTASM! THEY AIN'T GONNA STOP US!
KRAK
KRAK
KRAK

IN THESE STEEL-JACKETED HANDS I GOT THE POWER OF A LIVING PILEDRIVER!
THERE AIN'T NOTHIN' I CAN'T SMASH!
KRRSH!

THE GREAT OAK TUMBLES TO THE GROUND. ONLY TO BE TOSSED SKYWARD BY THE MIGHTY BLUE-FURRED CHONDAK!
C'MON, YA GREAT BIG BLUE APE-- DO YOUR THING!
RABGHHH!!


HYPTELLA, OUR ONLY CHANCE IS FOR ME TO FOCUS MY FULL ELECTROSTATIC CHARGE...
...AND BLAST THAT TREE TO TINDER.!!
SKRAKKKKK
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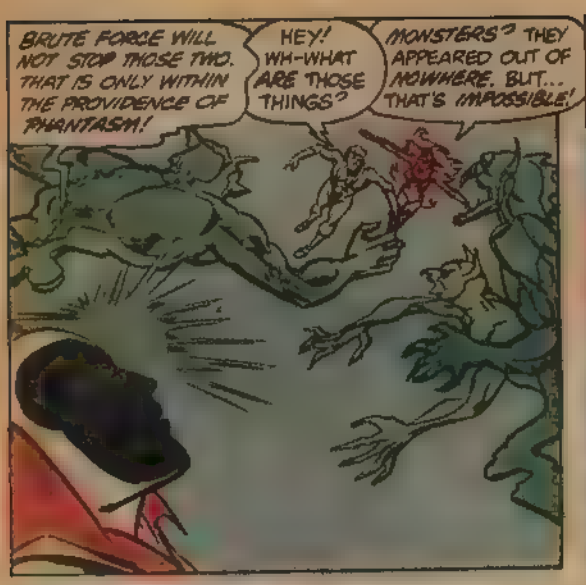
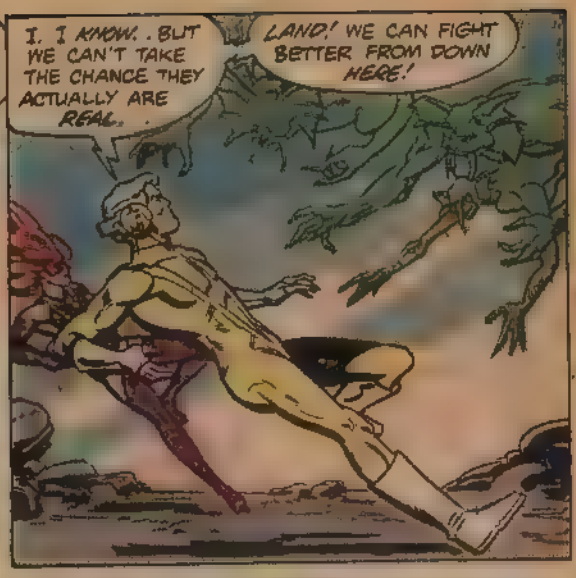
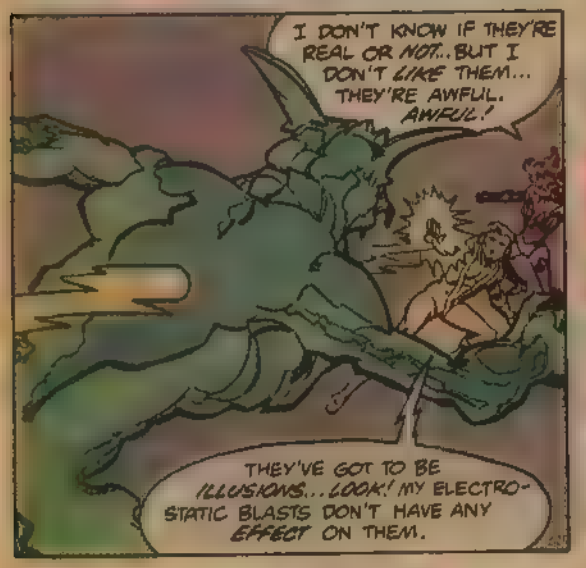
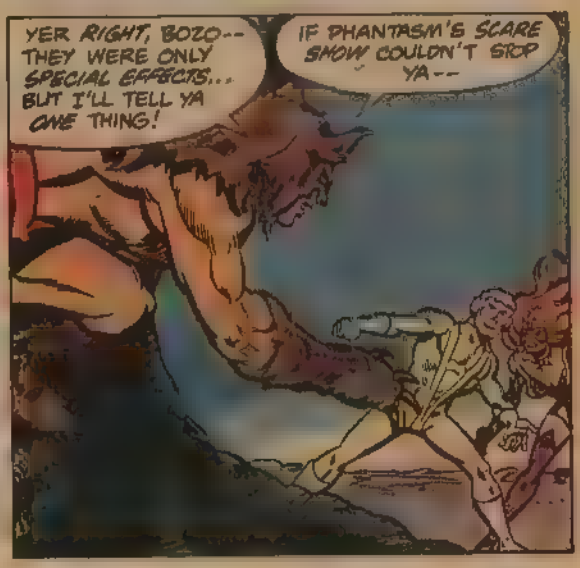
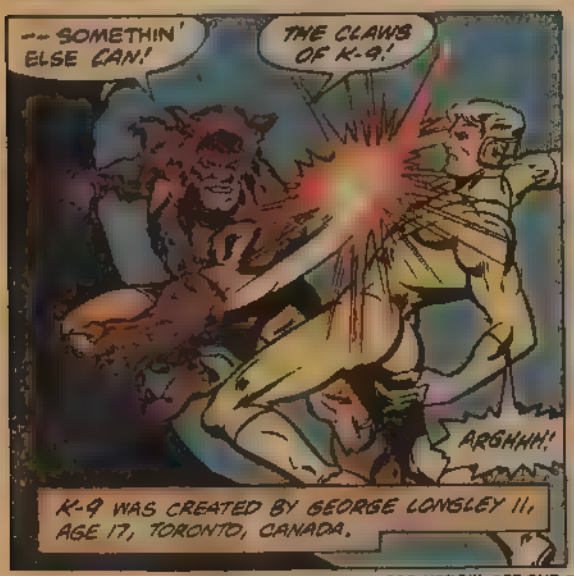

BRUTE FORCE WILL NOT STOP THOSE TWO. THAT IS ONLY WITHIN THE PROVIDENCE OF PHANTASM!
HEY! WH-WHAT ARE THOSE THINGS?
MONSTERS? THEY APPEARED OUT OF NOWHERE. BUT... THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!




I DON'T KNOW IF THEY'RE REAL OR NOT...BUT I DON'T LIKE THEM... THEY'RE AWFUL. AWFUL!
THEY'VE GOT TO BE ILLUSIONS...LOOK! MY ELECTRO-STATIC BLASTS DON'T HAVE ANY EFFECT ON THEM.





WHAT HIT ME? I DIDN'T EVEN SEE YOU MOVE.
HOW CAN YOU? I MOVE LIKE THE WILD DOG WHOSE BLOOD I SHARE
AND I LUST FOR YOUR DEATH...LIKE THE MAN-KILLING WOLF!
K9
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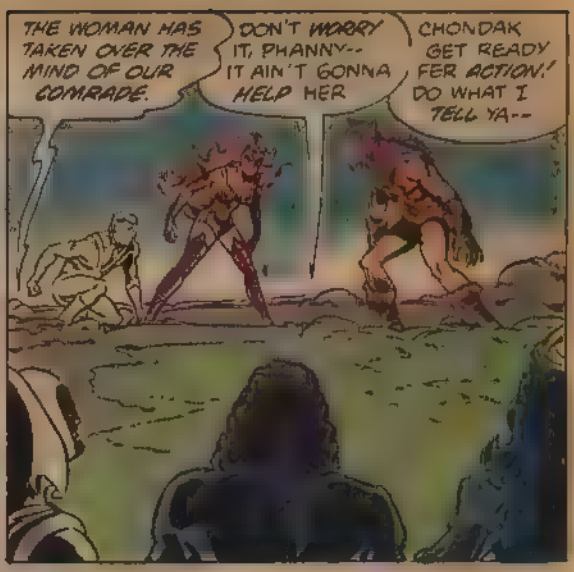
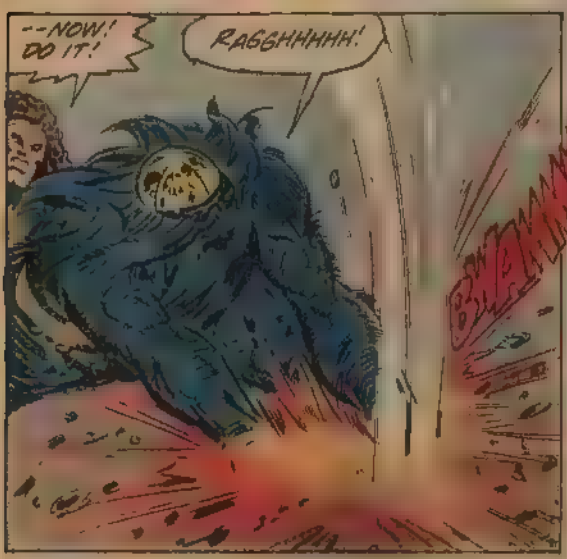
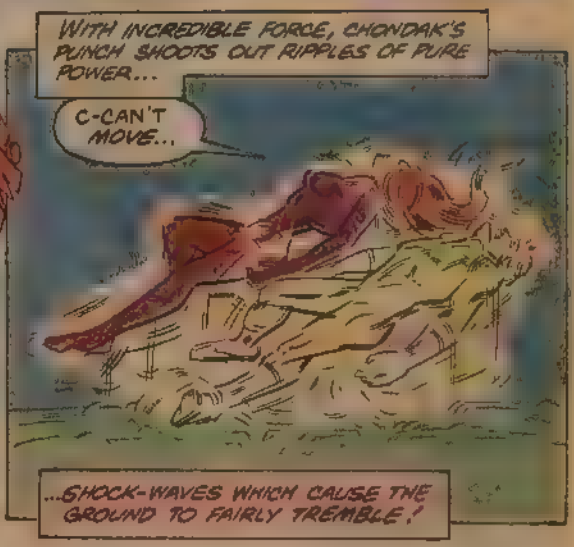
WE NEED YOU TO "DIAL 'H' FOR HERO"! SEE OUR SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS ELSEWHERE IN THIS COMIC!

K-9...YOU CANNOT HURT HIM...YOU DON'T WANT TO HURT HIM.
LISTEN TO ME, K-9...FEEL MY HYPNOTIC GAZE BURN INTO YOUR MIND...YOU WILL NOT KILL MY FRIEND!


THE WOMAN HAS TAKEN OVER THE MIND OF OUR COMRADE.
DON'T WORRY IT, PHANNY-- IT AIN'T GONNA HELP HER
CHONDAK GET READY FER ACTION! DO WHAT I TELL YA--


--NOW! DO IT!
RAGGHHHHH!


WITH INCREDIBLE FORCE, CHONDAK'S PUNCH SHOOTS OUT RIPPLES OF PURE POWER...
C-CAN'T MOVE...
...SHOCK-WAVES WHICH CAUSE THE GROUND TO FAIRLY TREMBLE!

AND THEN, A MOMENT LATER, AFTER THEY HAVE DONE THEIR DIABOLICAL WORK...
TOLD YA NOT TO WORRY, PHANNY. ME AN' CHONDAK GOT OUR ACT TOGETHER.
HUNH? WHA'D THAT BROAD DO TA ME?
GRAWLL!

WE'LL TELL YA ALL ABOUT IT LATER... AFTER THE MASTER DECIDES HOW HE'S GONNA KILL THESE TWO CREEPS!
HOW CAN VICKI AND CHRIS POSSIBLY STOP THE EVIL EIGHT? AND EVEN IF THEY CAN. . WHAT OF... THE MASTER? YOU MUST READ OUR FINAL CHAPTER... STARTING ON THE 2ND PAGE FOLLOWING.
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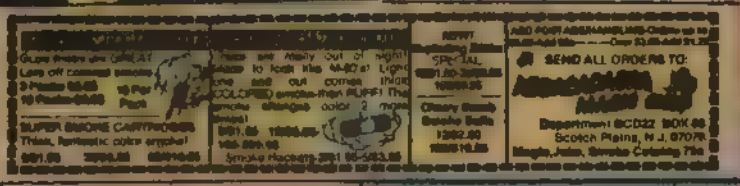

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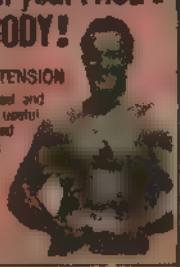

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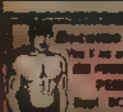

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FAIRFAX IS HELD CAPTIVE BEHIND A GREAT IRON CURTAIN. AND NOW ITS POLICE FIND THEMSELVES HUNTED DOWN LIKE WILD ANIMALS.
GOT ANOTHER COP! NONE OF 'EM ARE GONNA GET AWAY FROM ME!
FROM ANY OF US, ICE KING... AND FROM THE [redacted]
HE WANTS THESE PEOPLE TO BE HIS SLAVES!
AND WHAT HE WANTS-- HE GETS!

CHAPTER 3 IN FINAL COMBAT

FELT SO HELPLESS JUST SITTING THERE... HAD TO TRY SOMETHING.
WELL, DON'T TRY ANYTHING AGAIN, MISTER --OR YOU'LL FIND OUT WHY THEY CALL ME MANIAK!
FORGET THAT CRETIN, MANIAK... THE MASTER HAS SUMMONED US BACK TO HIS HEADQUARTERS.
SO LET'S GO... FAIRFAX IS OURS NOW! NO ONE'S GONNA CHALLENGE US AGAIN.
AND AT THE MASTER'S HEADQUARTERS...
LOOK AT THOSE TWO...SITTING THERE SO PROUDLY.. THEY DON'T KNOW WE CAN WATCH THEIR EVERY MOVE THROUGH THIS ONE-WAY MIRROR.
LISTEN TO ME, YOU TWO. I KNOW ABOUT YOUR POWER-DIALS... INDEED, I HAVE SEARCHED FOR THEM SINCE I FIRST LEARNED OF THEIR EXISTENCE.
AND, WHEN YOUR ONE-HOUR TIME LIMIT IS UP... I SHALL POSSESS THEM AT LAST!
THEN NOTHING WILL BE ABLE TO STOP ME FROM ACHIEVING MY ULTIMATE GOAL.
BUT FIRST THINGS FIRST... STEP ONE: SPEAKING WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!
YOU HEARD ME... I WILL SPEAK WITH THE PRESIDENT NOW...
.. OR THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX WILL BE INSTANTLY OBLITERATED!
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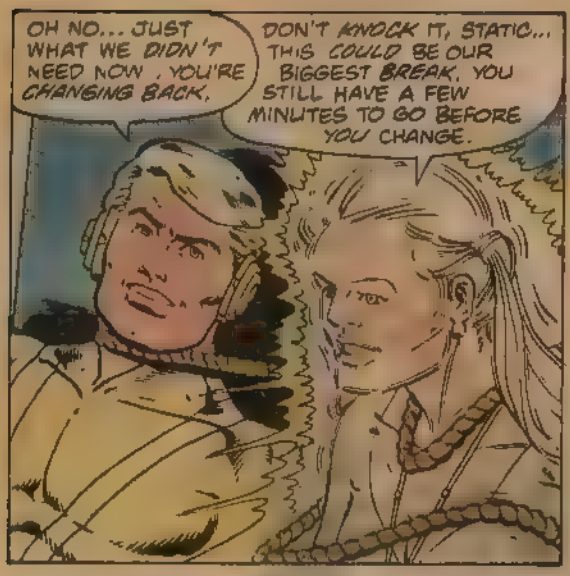
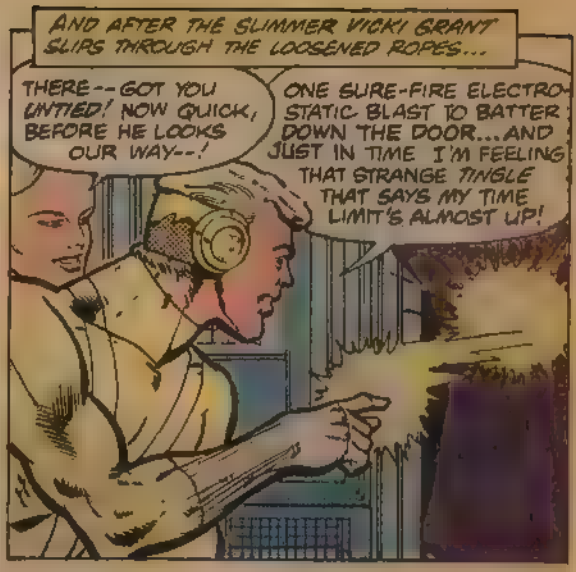
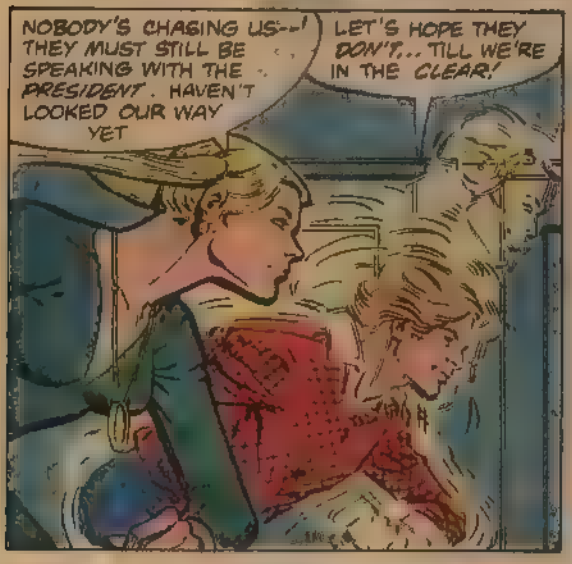
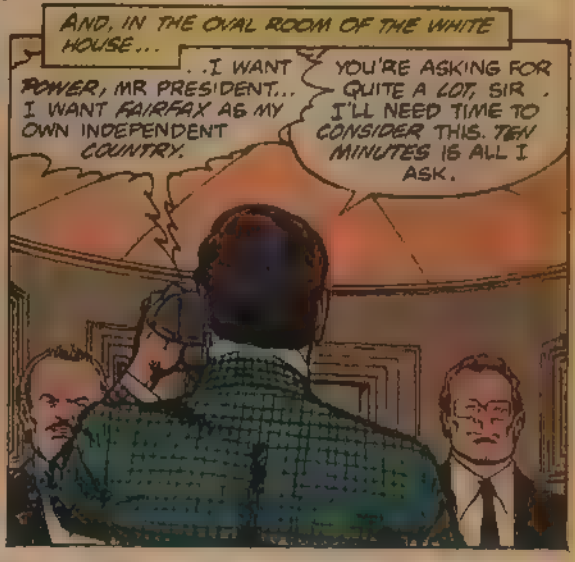
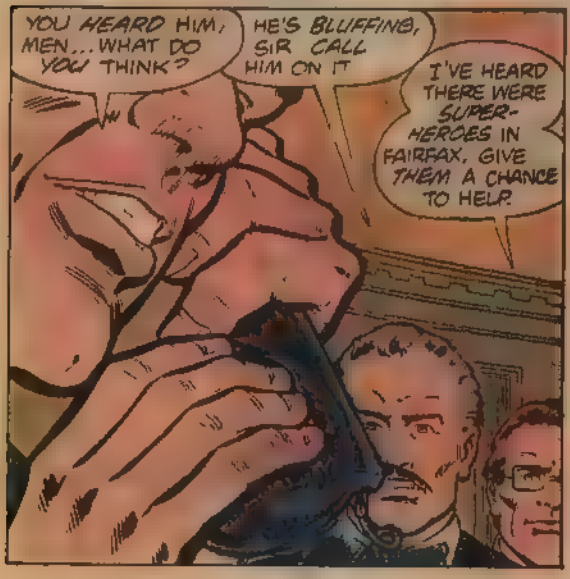
YOU CAN SEE YOUR CHARACTER COME TO LIFE IN "DIAL 'H' FOR HERO"!

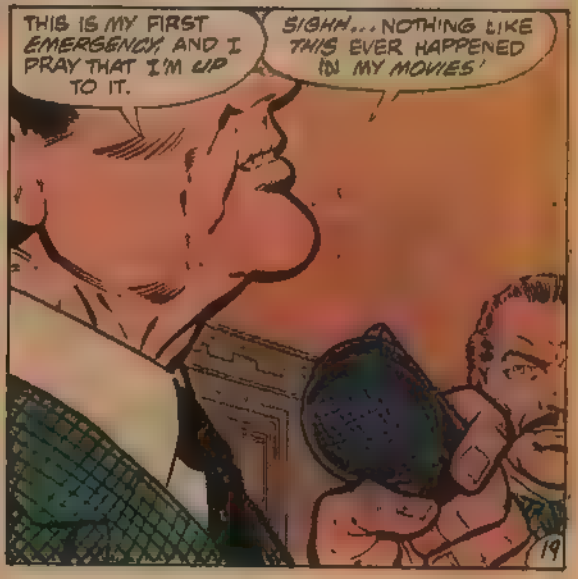

OH NO... JUST WHAT WE DIDN'T NEED NOW. YOU'RE CHANGING BACK.
DON'T KNOCK IT, STATIC... THIS COULD BE OUR BIGGEST BREAK. YOU STILL HAVE A FEW MINUTES TO GO BEFORE YOU CHANGE.

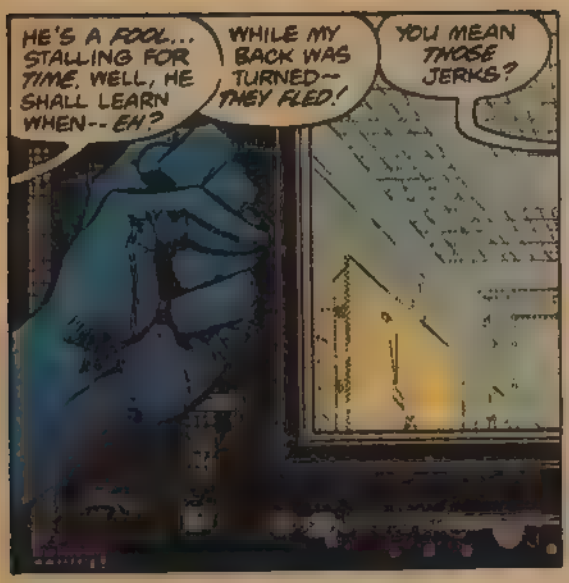

AND AFTER THE SLIMMER VICKI GRANT SLIPS THROUGH THE LOOSENED ROPES...
THERE--GOT YOU UNTIED! NOW QUICK, BEFORE HE LOOKS OUR WAY--!
ONE SURE-FIRE ELECTRO-STATIC BLAST TO BATTER DOWN THE DOOR...AND JUST IN TIME I'M FEELING THAT STRANGE TINGLE THAT SAYS MY TIME LIMIT'S ALMOST UP!


NOBODY'S CHASING US--! THEY MUST STILL BE SPEAKING WITH THE PRESIDENT. HAVEN'T LOOKED OUR WAY YET
LET'S HOPE THEY DON'T... TILL WE'RE IN THE CLEAR!

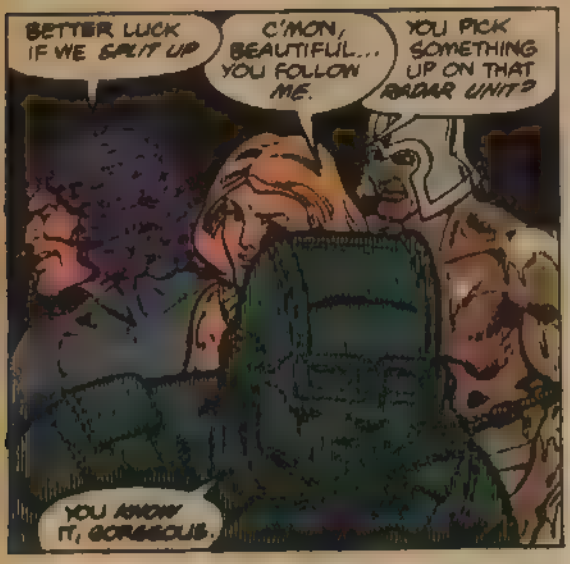

AND, IN THE OVAL ROOM OF THE WHITE HOUSE...
...I WANT POWER, MR PRESIDENT... I WANT FAIRFAX AS MY OWN INDEPENDENT COUNTRY.
YOU'RE ASKING FOR QUITE A LOT, SIR. I'LL NEED TIME TO CONSIDER THIS. TEN MINUTES IS ALL I ASK.

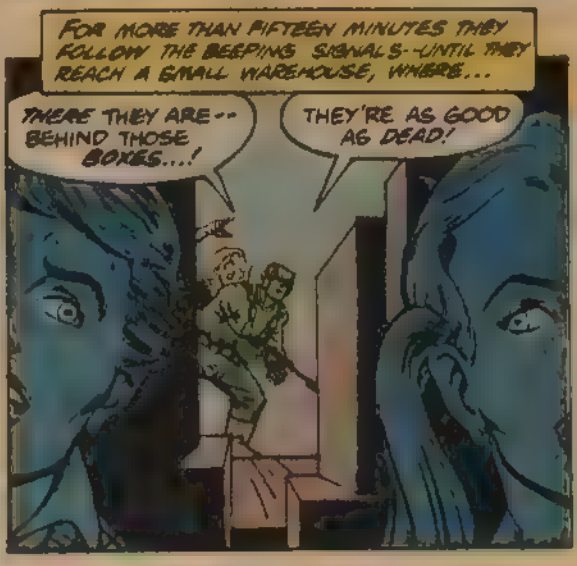

YOU HEARD HIM, MEN... WHAT DO YOU THINK?
HE'S BLUFFING, SIR. CALL HIM ON IT
I'VE HEARD THERE WERE SUPER-HEROES IN FAIRFAX. GIVE THEM A CHANCE TO HELP.


THIS IS MY FIRST EMERGENCY, AND I PRAY THAT I'M UP TO IT.
SIGHH... NOTHING LIKE THIS EVER HAPPENED IN MY MOVIES!

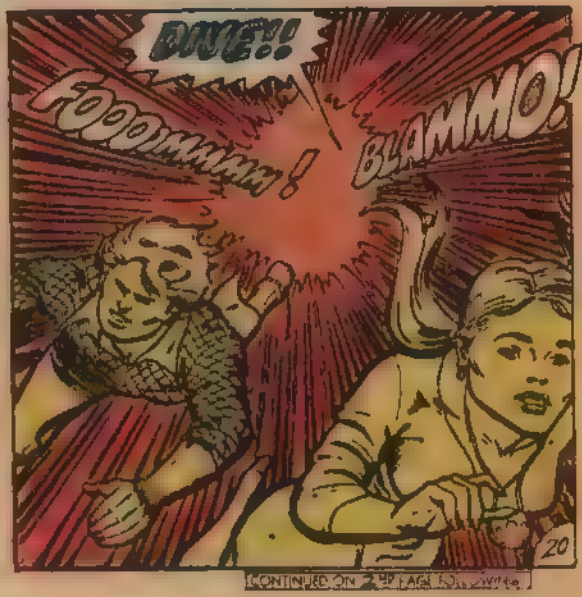

HE'S A FOOL... STALLING FOR TIME. WELL, HE SHALL LEARN WHEN-- EH?
WHILE MY BACK WAS TURNED-- THEY FLED!
YOU MEAN THOSE JERKS?

YOU, MY EVIL EIGHT-- FIND THOSE TWO-- IF NECESSARY-- KILL THEM!
BUT BRING ME BACK THEIR POWER-DIALS-- INTACT!!


BETTER LUCK IF WE SPLIT UP
C'MON, BEAUTIFUL... YOU FOLLOW ME.
YOU PICK SOMETHING UP ON THAT RADAR UNIT?
YOU KNOW IT, GORGEOUS.


FOR MORE THAN FIFTEEN MINUTES THEY FOLLOW THE BEEPING SIGNALS--UNTIL THEY REACH A SMALL WAREHOUSE, WHERE...
THERE THEY ARE-- BEHIND THOSE BOXES...!
THEY'RE AS GOOD AS DEAD!

NO MATTER WHERE THEY HIDE, I GOT ME A WEAPON THAT CAN BLOW 'EM STRAIGHT TA KINGDOM COME!
I'M ARSENAL, AND THERE JUST AIN'T NO ONE BETTER!
SPOOOM!
ARSENAL WAS CREATED BY ROGER BANHAM, ABE II. WHITEHALL, N.C.


DIVE!!
FOOOMMMM!
BLAMMO!
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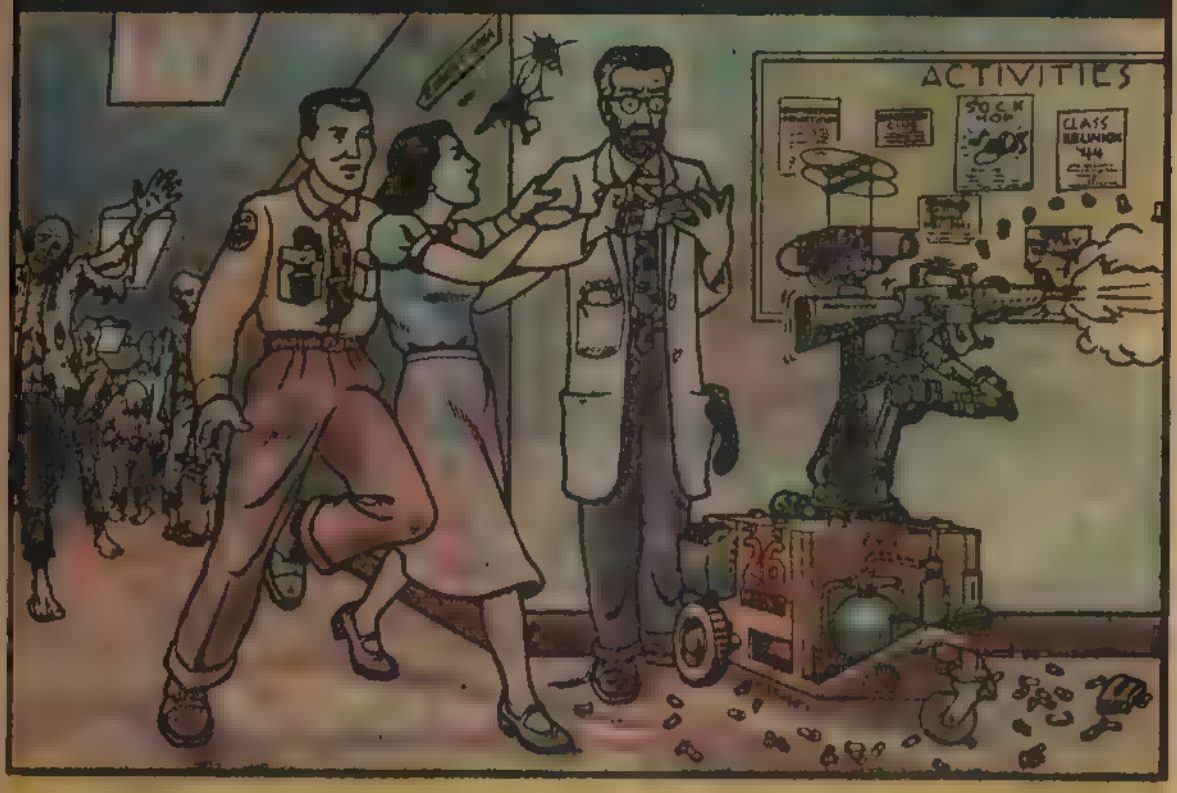
YOU ARE EARTH'S ONLY HOPE!



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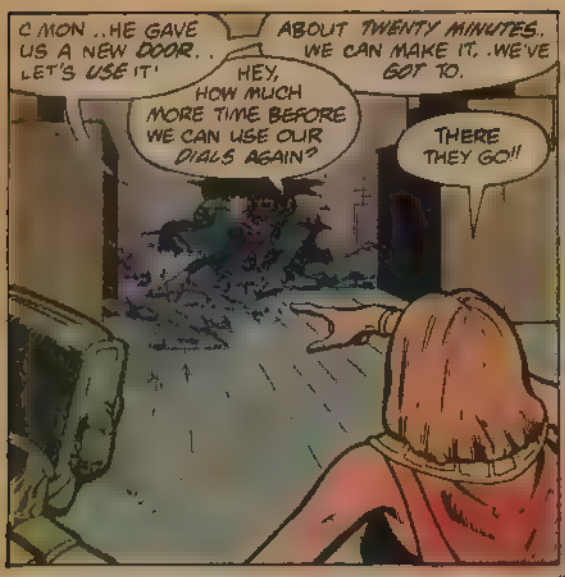
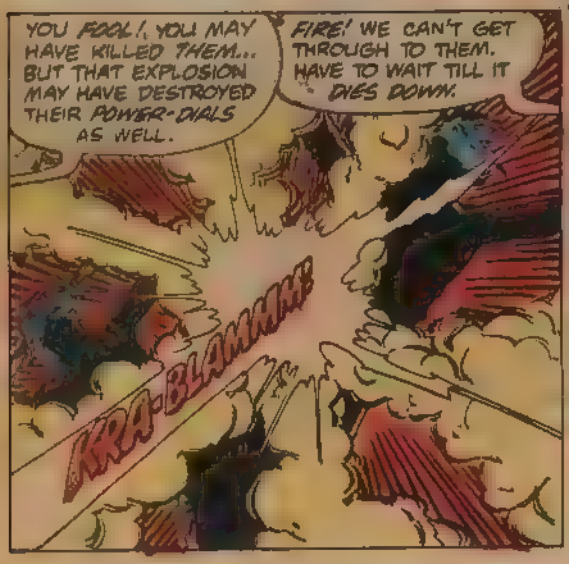
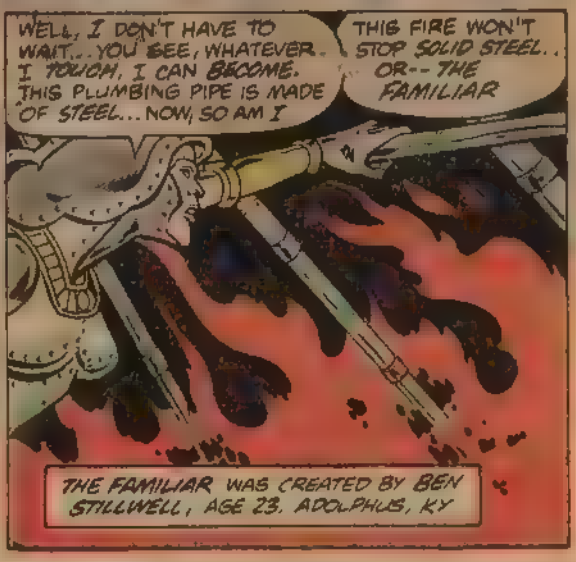
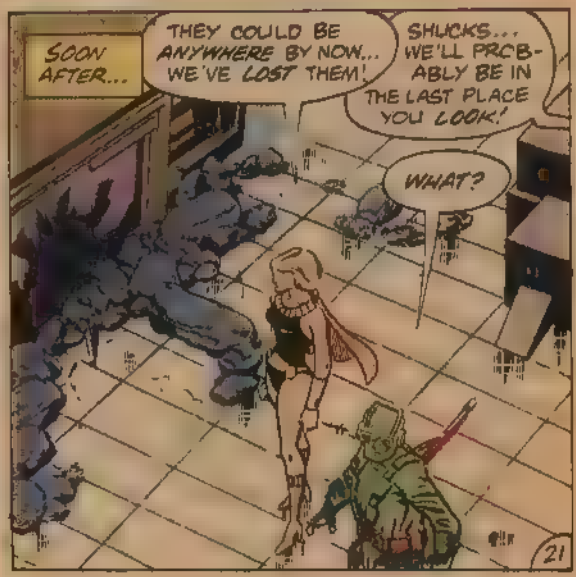

C'MON ..HE GAVE US A NEW DOOR.. LET'S USE IT!
HEY, HOW MUCH MORE TIME BEFORE WE CAN USE OUR DIALS AGAIN?
ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES.. WE CAN MAKE IT. .WE'VE GOT TO.
THERE THEY GO!!

THEY'RE HEADING INTO THAT CLOTHING STORE. WE'VE GOT 'EM NOW.
I'M NOT TAKIN' ANY CHANCES I'LL USE A STUN GRENADE ON 'EM.


YOU FOOL!, YOU MAY HAVE KILLED THEM... BUT THAT EXPLOSION MAY HAVE DESTROYED THEIR POWER-DIALS AS WELL.
FIRE! WE CAN'T GET THROUGH TO THEM. HAVE TO WAIT TILL IT DIES DOWN.
KRA-BLAMMM!


WELL, I DON'T HAVE TO WAIT.. YOU SEE, WHATEVER I TOUCH, I CAN BECOME. THIS PLUMBING PIPE IS MADE OF STEEL... NOW, SO AM I
THIS FIRE WON'T STOP SOLID STEEL.. OR-- THE FAMILIAR
THE FAMILIAR WAS CREATED BY BEN STILLWELL, AGE 23. ADOLPHUS, KY

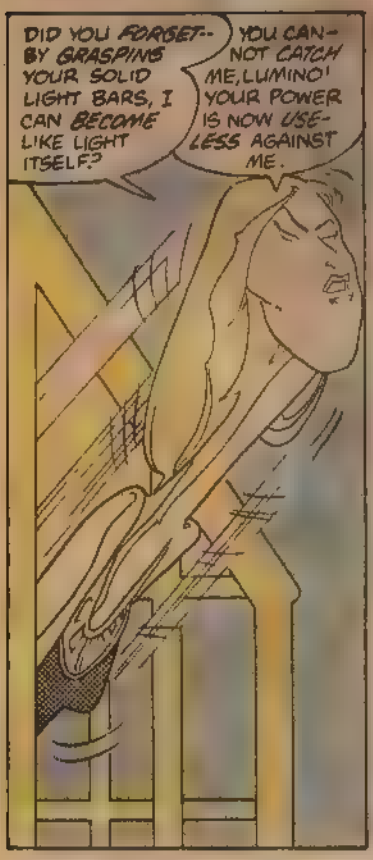
SLOWLY, CAREFULLY, THE SOLID STEEL FAMILIAR PLODS THROUGH THE BLAZING INFERNO. LONG MINUTES PASS, THEN...
YOU STUPID DOLT! THOSE WEREN'T THE KIDS YOU SHOT AT. THEY WERE MANNEQUINS.. DUMMIES! JUST LIKE YOU ARE
THOSE BRATS ESCAPED US AGAIN.


SOON AFTER...
THEY COULD BE ANYWHERE BY NOW... WE'VE LOST THEM!
SHUCKS... WE'LL PROBABLY BE IN THE LAST PLACE YOU LOOK!
WHAT?

SEEMS TO ME THAT THE SIDES HAVE JUST BEEN EVENED OUT, EH?
YOU KNOW IT, PAL SO WHY DON'T WE GO DO IT?
ROK

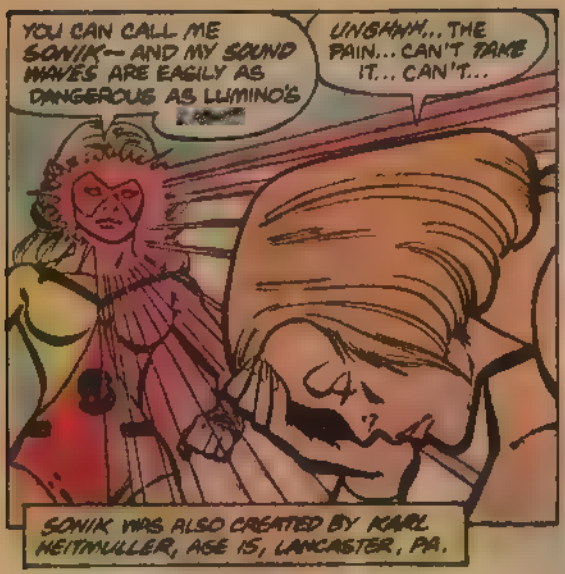
HE MOVES AT THE SPEED OF LIGHT ITSELF, BLAZING INTO ACTION.
C'MON, ARSENAL ...WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU? NO MORE THREATS?--OR ARE YOU POWER-LESS BEFORE THE LIGHT MASTERY OF--LUMINO!
I CAN CONTROL LIGHT BEAMS. . SHAPE THEM TO MY WILL... MAKE THEM DO WHATEVER I WANT.
LUMINO WAS CREATED BY KARL HEITMUELLER, AGE 15, LANCASTER, PA.

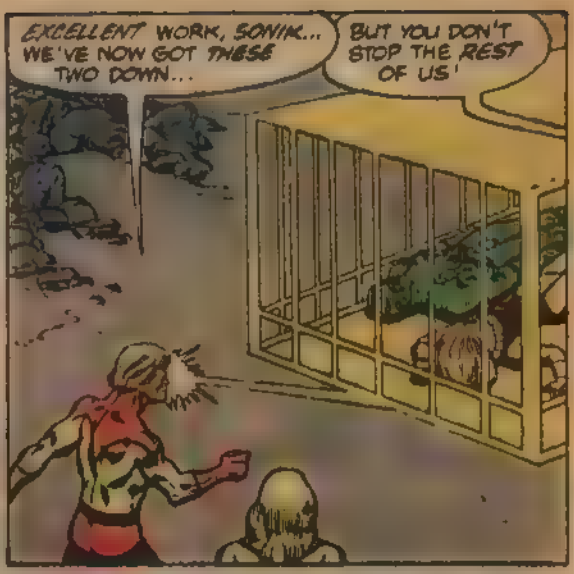
I DIDN'T MIND SLAMMING DOWN YOUR PARTNER, BUT I CAN BE A BIT GENTLER WITH YOU.
THAT IS WHERE YOU MAKE YOUR MISTAKE, LUMINO, FOR I WOULD NOT BE GENTLE WITH YOU.

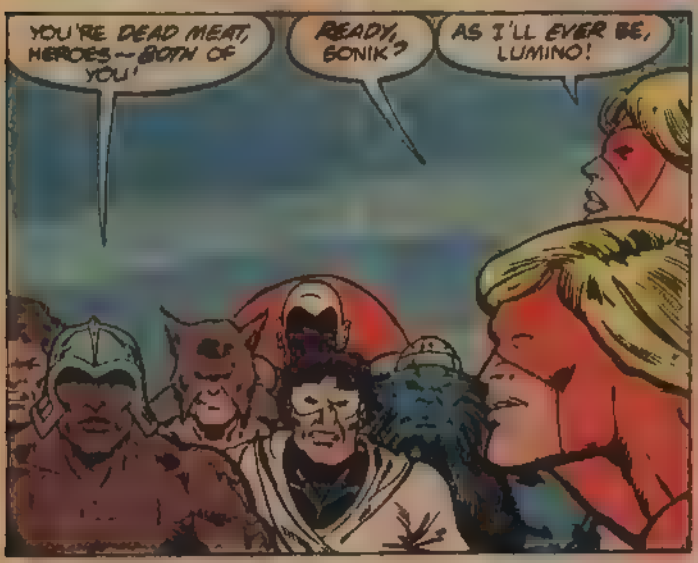

DID YOU FORGET-- BY GRASPING YOUR SOLID LIGHT BARS, I CAN BECOME LIKE LIGHT ITSELF?
YOU CAN-NOT CATCH ME, LUMINO! YOUR POWER IS NOW USE-LESS AGAINST ME.

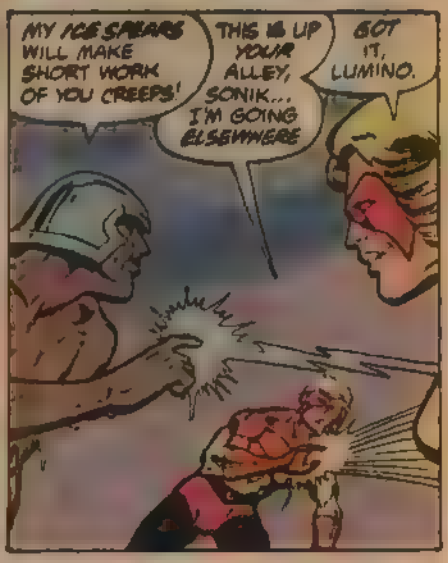
THEN, SUDDENLY, THERE IS A SHRIEKING WAIL... A HORRIBLE, EAR-SHATTERING SCREAM THAT SEEMS DIRECTED ONLY TOWARD THE VILLAINESS CALLED THE FAMILIAR...
SHREEEEKKKKKKK!
ABSHHH! MY EARS! THAT TERRIBLE SOUND... IT'S HURTING ME!

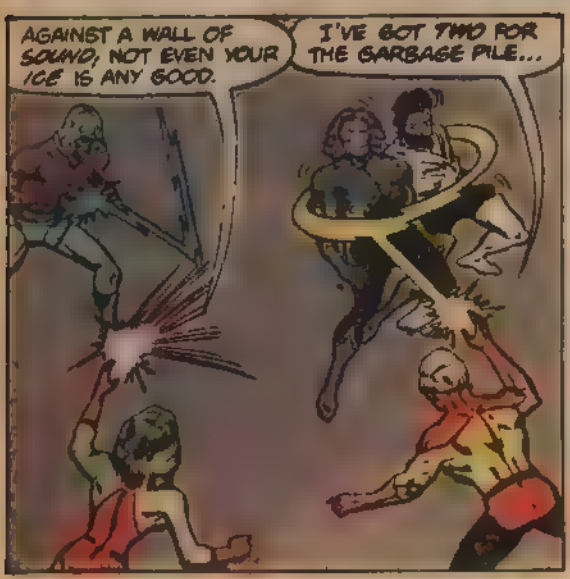
STOP IT! PLEASE, FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE. YOU'RE DEAFENING ME...
PERHAPS LUMINO'S LIGHT COULDN'T STOP YOU, BUT YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE FORGOTTEN ABOUT LITTLE OLD ME!

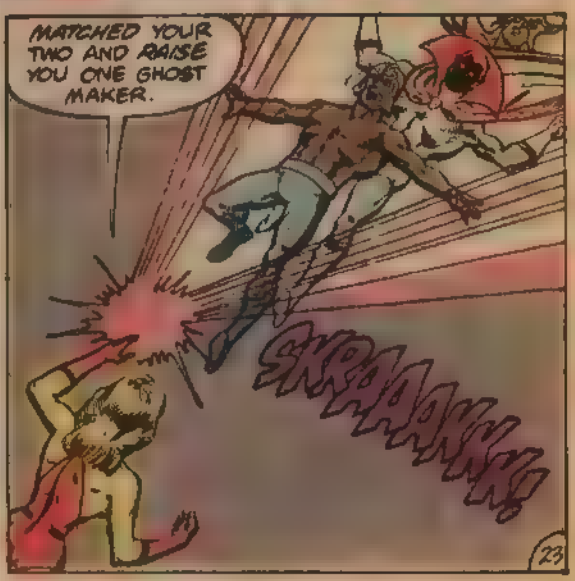

YOU CAN CALL ME SONIK— AND MY SOUND WAVES ARE EAGILY AS DANGEROUS AS LUMINO'S
UNGHHH... THE PAIN... CAN'T TAKE IT... CAN'T...
SONIK WAS ALSO CREATED BY KARL HEITMULLER, AGE 15, LANCASTER, PA.

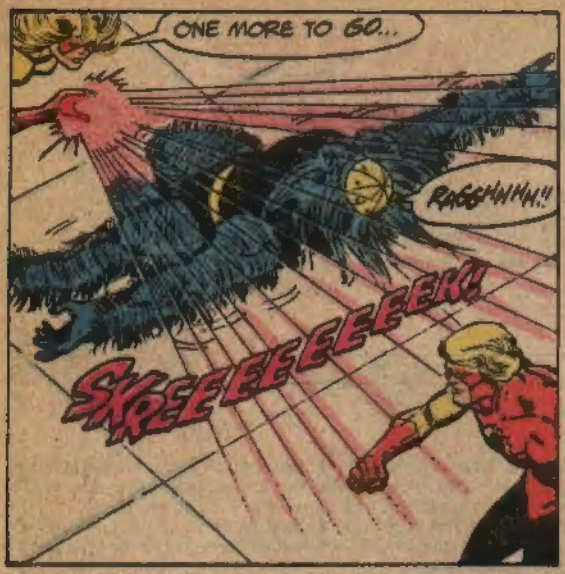

EXCELLENT WORK, SONIK... WE'VE NOW GOT THESE TWO DOWN...
BUT YOU DON'T STOP THE REST OF US!


YOU'RE DEAD MEAT, HEROES— BOTH OF YOU!
READY, SONIK?
AS I'LL EVER BE, LUMINO!


MY ICE SHARDS WILL MAKE SHORT WORK OF YOU CREEPS!
THIS IS UP YOUR ALLEY, SONIK... I'M GOING ELSEWHERE
GOT IT, LUMINO.


AGAINST A WALL OF SOUND, NOT EVEN YOUR ICE IS ANY GOOD.
I'VE GOT TWO FOR THE GARBAGE PILE...


MATCHED YOUR TWO AND RAISE YOU ONE GHOST MAKER.
SKRAAKK!


ONE MORE TO GO...
RAGGHHH!!
SKREEEEEEEEK!

...GOING... AND GONE!
MMFMFMFMFM
YOU KNOW SOMETHING, SONNY... WE'RE REALLY A GOOD TEAM.

AND, AS THE POLICE ARRIVE...
THE ION DOME IS GONE... FAIRFAX IS FREE, AND YOU CAPTURED THESE VILLAINS. HOW CAN WE EVER THANK YOU?
JUST KEEP THEM LOCKED UP NICE AND SAFE.

BUT WHAT ABOUT THE ONE THEY CALLED THE MASTER... THE BRAINS BEHIND THIS CREW?
WE WENT BACK FOR HIM... BUT HE WAS ALREADY GONE... ALTHOUGH HE LEFT THIS NOTE BEHIND.
TO MY SUPER-FOES I KNOW YOUR SECRET, AND ONE DAY I SHALL RETURN TO MAKE THAT SECRET MY OWN.

HE WANTS US, WHICH MEANS WE'VE GOT TO WORK TWICE AS HARD NOW JUST TO MAKE SURE HE DOESN'T GET WHAT HE WANTS.
OFFICERS, TAKE CARE... WE'LL SEE YOU AROUND.

THERE THEY GO... I TELL YOU, MURPHY. THOSE TWO ARE REAL HEROES!
IT MAKES MY HEART BEAT PROUD JUST TO KNOW THEM. TAKE CARE, YOU TWO... AND GOOD LUCK!
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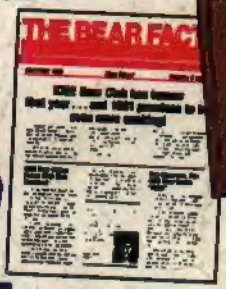

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